



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: ROTARY ELECTRIC MACHINE WITH STATOR ELASTIC SUPPORT
STRUCTURE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Election of Species Requirement mailed January 11, Applicants provisionally elect Species I, Figs. 1-4, which is readable on claims 1-3, with traverse.

Applicants concur that claim 1 is generic.

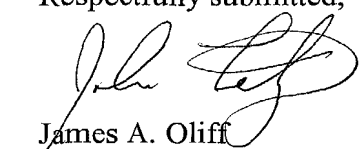
It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "If the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

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Thus, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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